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SUBJECT: LST FOR TURKEY

REF: CNO 032137 Z APR 73 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: GOJ FONOFF INFORMED EMBASSY THAT IT HAS DISAPPROVED TURKISH EMBASSY REQUEST TO PERMIT TURKISH NAVY PERSONNEL TO USE USN FACILITIES AT YOKOSUKA IN CONNECTION TURNOVER OF USS WINDHAM COUNTY (LST --1170) TO TURKISH NAVY JUNE 1. GOJ POSITION IS THAT SUCH SERVICES CANNOT BE PROVIDED TO TCN UNDER SOFA. GOJ WILL, HOWEVER, ATTEMPT FIND MEANS TO ACCOMMODATE TURKISH REQUIREMENTS, E. G. TRANSFER OF SHIP TO ADJACENT JAPANESE FACILITY AT YOKOSUKA IMMEDIATELY AFTER SHIP TURNOVER. END SUMMARY.

1. FONOFF INFORMED EMBASSY APRIL 13 THAT IT HAD RECEIVED TURKISH EMBASSY NOTE DATED APRIL 12 STATING THAT USS WINDHAM COUNTY WILL BE TURNED OVER TO TURKISH NAVY AT YOKOSUKA ON JUNE 1. IN THIS CONNECTION, NOTE SAID THAT FIVE TURKISH NAVAL OFFICERS WILL ARRIVE JAPAN APRIL 13 AND 125 CREW MEMBERS WILL ARRIVE MAY 1,
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AND REQUESTED THAT GOJ PERMIT THEM TO USE US FACILITY AT YOKOSUKA FROM APRIL 11 (SIC) TO JUNE 10, 1973 "FOR MESSING, BERTHING, PERSONNEL SUPPORT AND SHIPBOARD FAMILIARIZATION." NOTE ALSO REQUESTED GOJ PERMISSION TO BERTH SHIP AT YOKOSUKA FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS AFTER TURNOVER OF SHIP JUNE 1.

2. FONOFF SAID THAT IT HAS DISAPPROVED THESE REQUESTS ON GROUNDS THAT SUCH USE OF US FACILITY BY TCN'S NOT PERMITTED UNDER SOFA, AND THAT IT WAS SO INFORMING TURKISH EMBASSY AFTERNOON APRIL 13. NEVERTHELESS, FONOFF SAID THAT GOJ WILL EXPLORE MEANS TO ACCOMMODATE TURKISH REQUIREMENTS. PRELIMINARY GOJ THINKING IS THAT GOJ MAY BE ABLE ACCOMMODATE VESSEL AT JAPANESE MARITIME SELF DEFENSE FORCE (MSDF) FACILITY ADJACENT TO USN FACILITY AT YOKOSUKA IMMEDIATELY AFTER TURNOVER OF VESSEL. (THIS INFO SHOULD BE CLOSELY HELD FOR TIME BEING SINCE FONOFF HAS NOT YET MADE THIS PROPOSAL TO MSDF.) TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, FONOFF SAID THAT IT MAY HAVE TO ASK US FORCES TO ADVANCE SHIP TURNOVER DATE, POSSIBLY BY TWO WEEKS.

3. WILL REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS. MEANWHILE, PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER IT WILL BE POSSIBLE EFFECT SHIP TRANSFER IN MID- MAY.
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